

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

May 2016

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CATEGORY	May 2016	May 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	2	0
FIRE	50	32	122	134
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	195	215	1157	1068
OTHER	68	109	391	458
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	2	1	11	21
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	81	88	321	285
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	6	6	24	21
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
TSUNAMI DEBRIS	0	0	0	0
Total number of Logged incidents	402	451	2028	1987

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above

<i>Evidence Search Mission</i>	5	3	23	22
<i>Additional Weather Alerts (all subsequent alerts that are considered to be part of the initiating weather event)</i>	12	42	273	172

LEGEND

WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
FIRE	Wildland Fire incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, including but not limited to Tsunami events, Earthquakes, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 16-1385 • On April 22, Snohomish County initiated a search for a missing Arlington couple which continued through the month of May with a number of search and rescue resources coordinated from jurisdictions throughout the state. The missing couple was found deceased.
- 16-1653 • On May 2, Spokane County initiated an AMBER Alert for a missing 16-year old girl in the Spokane area. The Amber Alert was cancelled by the Spokane Police Department on May 4 after the girl was found safe.
- 16-1667 • On May 3, Okanogan County Sheriff's Office initiated a rescue for a rock climber who fell more than 100 feet onto boulders at Goat Wall near Mazama. The use of a helicopter from Whidbey Island Naval Air Station was coordinated to assist in the rescue. The hiker was found deceased.
- 16-1670 • On May 3, the City of Kirkland initiated a search for a female with short-term memory issues that walked away from her home. Dogs from the Northwest Bloodhounds group were coordinated from Pierce County. The woman was safely located before the dogs deployed.
- 16-1672 • On May 4, an AMBER Alert was issued for a 15-month old child believed to be abducted in Auburn, Washington. The child was safely located later that day.
- 16-1682 • On May 4, the National Weather Service in Pendleton issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Benton, Franklin, Columbia and Walla Walla Counties. The warning expired without incident.
- 16-1684 • On May 4, the National Weather Service issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Spokane and Lincoln Counties. The warning was extended to include Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. The warning expired without incident.
- 15-4980 • On May 7, the King County Sheriff's Office reopened the search for the remains of a back country skier in the Snoqualmie Pass area missing since December. Search dogs and mountain rescue resources were coordinated and responded from Snohomish, King, Kitsap and Pierce Counties. The subject was not found.
- 16-1722 • On May 7, Chelan County requested a helicopter with hoist to assist in the rescue of an injured back-country skier near Blue Peak. A helicopter from Snohomish County Sheriff's Office responded and successfully rescued the injured skier who was airlifted to a local hospital.

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- 16-1726 • On May 8, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office requested ground searchers and dog teams to assist in the search of a missing 18-year old female in the Blanca Lake area. Resources from Pierce, Whatcom, King and Kitsap Counties responded. The missing individual was successfully located and walked out later that day.
- 16-1774 • On May 12, Kitsap County opened a search for a missing 56-year old female hiker in the vicinity of Wildcat Lake near Bremerton. The subject had been missing since May 10. Searchers were coordinated from Pierce, King and Lewis Counties. The subject was located on the same day at a local residence.
- 16-1777 • On May 12, Kitsap County opened a search for a missing elderly male with Alzheimer's. Searchers and dog teams were requested and provided by Pierce County. The subject was safely located later that same day.
- 16-1785 • On May 13, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for Southeast Washington (the Northwest Blue Mountains), the east slopes of the Cascades and the Simcoe Highlands in effect May 14-16. The watch expired without incident.
- 16-1789 • On May 13, the Mason County Sheriff's Office initiated a search for a missing teenager at the High Steel Bridge area in Shelton. Dog teams, mountain rescue and ground searchers were coordinated from Kitsap, Grays Harbor, and Pierce Counties. King County Sheriff's Office provided helicopter support. The subject was not found and the search was terminated the next day.
- 16-1823 • On May 16, the King County Sheriff's Office requested ground searchers and mountain rescue personnel to assist in the search of a missing climber in the Denny Creek area. Pierce, Snohomish, Kitsap and Kittitas counties responded with requested resources. The subject was safely located on May 17.
- 16-1856 • On May 19, a Flash Flood Warning was issued for South Central Okanogan County. The warning expired without incident.
- 16-1871 • On May 20, Olympic National Park initiated the rescue of a hiker that fell near Sol Duc Falls and injured his legs and feet. Olympic Mountain Rescue personnel from Kitsap County were coordinated and responded to assist with the rescue. The subject was transported to Harborview Hospital.
- 16-1885 • On May 21, the National Weather Service issued a Flash Flood Warning for Spokane County, due to a thunderstorm producing heavy rain. The warning expired later that evening without incident.

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- 16-1965 • On May 28, King County Sheriff's Office requested mountain rescue assistance in the search for a stranded hiker on Guye Peak in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness area near Snoqualmie Pass. Mountain rescue personnel were coordinated from Kitsap and Snohomish Counties. They found the subject and guided him out to safety on May 29.
- 16-1985 • On May 29, a Fire Mobilization Request was approved for the Sunland Fire located in Grant County effective 1730 hours. The Washington State Emergency Operations Center activated to Phase II in support of firefighting efforts. State Fire resources demobilized effective midnight, May 30, and the State EOC returned to Phase 1.
- 16-1984 • On May 29, Kitsap County conducted a search for a 10-year old female in Port Orchard. Additional resources were requested from Pierce County. The subject was located later that day in good condition.
- 16-1989 • On May 29, Skamania County opened a search for a missing 19-year old female in the Trout Lake area. Ground searchers and a dog team were coordinated from Clark and Klickitat Counties. Subject was safely located on May 30 in good condition.
- 16-2012 • On May 31, a Red Flag Warning was issued for Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla and Grant Counties effective June 1. This incident is currently unfolding at the time of this report.
- 16-2017 • On May 31, Thurston County conducted a search for a 19-year old male missing since May 20 near Maytown. Cadaver dogs teams were contacted from Pierce County to assist. The search was still in progress at the end of this report.
- 16-2021 • On May 31, the Washington Military Department's Joint Operations Center reported their 10th Civil Support Team deployed at the request of the Washington Department of Ecology to identify an unknown substance in a vial delivered by US mail to a site on Bridgeport Way in Lakewood. The substance was found to be no threat and the unit returned to base late that afternoon.

SEOO Activity for the current month:

21	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
4	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
592	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring

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	emergencies.
40	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

- Participated in 10 exercises of which 2 were vessel spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

<i>Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)</i>	<i>Frequency of tests</i>	<i>Number of tests completed this month</i>	<i>Total number of stations tested this month</i>	<i>Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i>	<i>Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert and Warning Center</i>
NAWAS	Twice daily	62	2012	1897	94%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	30	7	23%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	13	358	189	53%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	12	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	12	OPSCAN test	1 per day	27
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	4

Test information/definitions:

- NAWAS: National Warning System Tests (NAWAS) over the State and Federal circuits. NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal jurisdictions and agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies and some tribes on the State circuit. there are 4 tests a day, testing 66 drops on 2 circuits. The number above reflects the 4 tests a day. Previously the number included the total number of stations contacted during those tests.
- DOE tests: Department of Energy Hanford Site has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here
- CGS tests: Columbia Generating Station has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- AHAB: All Hazards Alert Broadcast System is tested daily through the daily function tests, which tests the functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound siren systems. The voice and tone sirens are tested monthly. The AHAB Siren activates the coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- OPSCAN: Olympic Peninsula Public Safety Alliance Network (OPSCAN) connects public safety organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.
- STAEN: The State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) connects state agency via an 800 MHz radio system.
- CEMNET: Comprehensive Emergency Management Network radio connecting all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.